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## FEEDING JAPAN'S GREAT ARMY BY SLEDGES.



Provisions for the great army now hemming in the Russians around Mukden have to be carried across the frozen Liao River. In the above photograph are seen the Chinese coolies engaged in the transport service, and their method of conveying stores by sledges. The service is fraught with considerable difficulty and danger.—("Collier's Weekly.")

## GENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON AT THE FRONT—SHOOTING WITH CAPTURED RUSSIAN RIFLES.



General Sir Ian Hamilton, who went to the front to gather knowledge that should be of use to the British Army, is here seen at the Japanese headquarters shooting with a captured Russian rifle, and showing the Japanese and the other military attachés the methods used at Bisley.—("Collier's Weekly.")



He hit the target, but the range was a long one, and, as the board held by one of the Japanese shows, the English General failed to hit the bull's eye. Judging from his expression, he felt sure of the shot, and is inclined to blame the Russian rifle.—("Collier's Weekly.")



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Both Russian Wings Turned  
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## GENERAL RETREAT.

Can Kuropatkin Get His Army  
Away to the North?

## STORES SET ON FIRE.

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on Both Sides.

### EIGHT DAYS' FIGHTING.

NUMBER OF MEN ENGAGED ..... 750,000  
TOTAL LOSSES TO DATE ..... 112,000

The great news of this morning is that the immense turning movement on the Russian left wing has succeeded.

Imagine the battle is being fought in England, and you will be able to understand what this means.

When the battle began the Russians defending London (Mukden) were holding the line of country from Canterbury (Chingho-cheng) to Aldershot. Canterbury was a very important place to them, and they had fortified it as strongly as they could.

In spite of a desperate resistance, General Kuroki captured Canterbury last week.

Severe fighting then ensued in the hills to the north-west of that place, round about Maidstone. The object Kuroki now aimed at was the capture of Gravesend (Manchanton), which is almost on a level with London, due east.

### RUSSIANS IN RAPID RETREAT.

Yesterday morning at eight o'clock he drove the Russians out of Gravesend, and thus obtained a commanding position for his guns, which were then able to shell the enemy sideways and so to make it impossible for them to hold their ground.

They are now in rapid retreat northwards through Essex by way of Romford, closely pursued by the victorious Japanese.

Due south of London fighting was still going on all day yesterday in the neighbourhood of Croydon (Shahopu) and Epsom Downs (Putloff Hill). But the Russians cannot hold these positions for long, now that their line has been so badly broken up. The defending forces have in all probability been compelled to retire already.

Further round to the west General Oku's force has got quite close to London. He has occupied Kingston and Wimbledon, and is busily shelling the City from every available eminence.

On the Russian right wing, which General Nogi turned so cleverly after his forced march on Reading (Siminting), all is in disorder. Nogi is working round at the back of London, and has cut off all possibility of retreat by any road except that which leads north-east to Cambridge (Tieling).

### WILL KUROPATKIN BE CUT OFF?

He may even have got so far round as to be able to shell the Cambridge road, in which case the Russian retreat will be very seriously hampered. Kuroki also will no doubt advance as rapidly as he can from Gravesend by way of Dartford and Woolwich, so as to join hands with Nogi on the north of London, and to try if he cannot cut off the retreat altogether.

At all events, it is quite clear that Kuroki, by his capture of Gravesend, has now turned the Russian right wing as completely as Nogi turned the left by his occupation of Reading. So far the attempt to surround the Russian army has succeeded.

Now it remains to be seen whether Kuropatkin can succeed in extricating his battered force by the only road still left open to him before the armies of Nogi and Kuroki meet to the north of London and cut him off altogether.

The plan with which he began the battle was apparently to break the Japanese central line somewhere about Reigate, and so get in between the two separate parts of it. If he

could have done this his wings would have been able to look after themselves.

This plan failed utterly. He did not reckon upon the Japanese attacking him so fiercely or in such force upon the extreme east and west. He had to send men from the centre, where he calculated on striking his most powerful blow, to reinforce his wings. His whole scheme fell into confusion.

Now he has the Japanese almost all round him. They extend in a huge three-quarters of a circle from Gravesend through Farnborough, in Kent, Epsom, and Kingston, to Brentford and Rickmansworth. All the while they are pressing in upon him. All the while his troops are falling back at almost every point.

## IN THE EAST.

### JAPANESE TRIUMPH.

General Kuroki Captures Manchutan, and Turns the Russians' Left Wing.

Yesterday General Kuroki, who has for some days been held in check, captured Manchutan, an important town on the south-east of Mukden, thus turning the Russian left and rendering its position untenable.

TOKIO, Wednesday.—The Japanese captured Manchutan at eight o'clock this morning.—Reuter. An official dispatch published by the Japanese Legation later in the day confirmed this message. A later telegram stated that as a result of this success, the Russian forces were in full retreat.

### HEROIC JAPANESE.

A Central News telegram from St. Petersburg states that General Sassulitch's infantry surrounded a portion of General Kuroki's guard. The Russians invited them to surrender, but they refused, and were all shot down.

Another instance of Japanese heroism is told in the same telegram, which says that at one of the Russian redoubts Colonel Yudenitch opened a sectional fire on the Japanese, who advanced to within fifty paces and fell literally in rows before the Russian fire. At the end of the fight there were 3,000 Japanese dead in front of the redoubt.

## IN THE CENTRE.

### "FALL OF MUKDEN IMMINENT."

Russians on the Sha-ho Burn Their Stores and Retreat with the Japanese in Pursuit.

General Kuroki's success on the east, combined with the terrible pressure on his front, rendered the positions of the Russians on the Sha-ho untenable, and all were abandoned.

WITH GENERAL KUROI, via Fusan, Wednesday.—The Russians, under cover of darkness, have

evacuated the whole line along the Sha-ho, and are now in full retreat northwards.

The Japanese infantry are pressing them closely. Before retreating the Russians set fire to great heaps of supplies, which burned throughout the night.

The fall of Mukden appears to be imminent. The Japanese are pushing the enemy hard on the east.—Reuter.

## TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE.

Russians Use Japanese Dead as Ramparts—Russian General Kissed by Troops.

ST. PETERSBURG, Wednesday.—Of the engagements in progress, that south-west of Mukden seems to be particularly noteworthy.

The Japanese had 200 guns and 50,000 men. They renewed their attacks every two hours, each time with fresh forces, until the evening, notwithstanding such enormous losses that the Russians made ramparts for themselves with the Japanese dead, covering them with a thin layer of earth. The most important position was so hotly contested that the Russians ended by holding it thanks only to the intrepidity of General Tserpitski, who led his regiment into action on horseback, with band playing and colours flying.

As soon as the Japanese were repulsed the soldiers surrounded their leader, kissing his hands and feet. The weather is fine and warm. The two armies are overcome with fatigue.—Reuter.

## IN THE WEST.

### JAPANESE SHELLING MUKDEN.

Two Hundred Guns Throwing Twenty-five Shells a Minute Into the Beleaguered City.

A dispatch to the "Petit Journal" from St. Petersburg says that the Japanese are shelling Mukden. The "Listok" publishes a telegram from Harbin stating that a strong Japanese column has approached within five versts of Mukden, which is undergoing a terrible bombardment.

For three consecutive hours the shells fell on the town at the rate of twenty-five to thirty a minute. Part of the central quarter has been destroyed by fire.

It is stated that the armies of Nogi and Kuroki are on the point of joining hands and completely surrounding the Russian army. Communications with Siminting are cut.—Reuter.

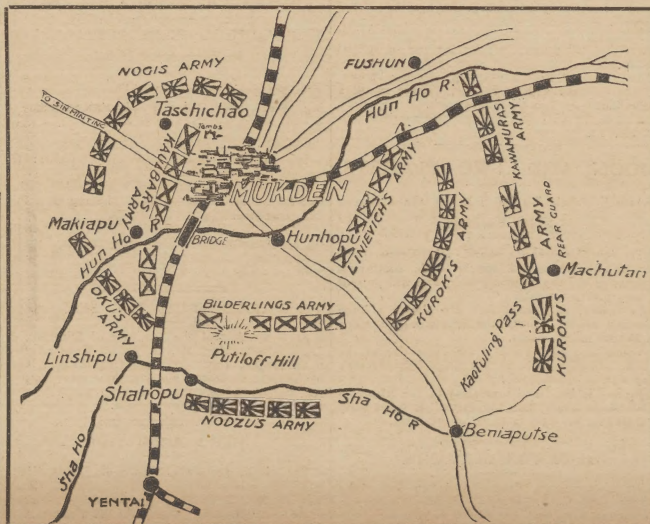
### FIGHT FOR THE STATION.

NEUCHANG, Tuesday.—The Japanese yesterday were within a mile and two-thirds, firing at Mukden railway station, while the Russians made fierce counter-attacks.

To-day the Japanese ransacked the freight yard, and will probably seize the stores there. Refugees from Tieling and female camp-followers who have arrived here state that all civilians are leaving the place.

Hu, the director-general of the railway, has gone to Siminting, presumably to urge the Japanese to remove the censorship.—Reuter.

## SCENE OF THE GREAT BATTLE.



Following the great successes of Generals Nogi and Oku on the west of Mukden, General Kuroki yesterday succeeded in defeating General Linievitch's army on the east of the town and seriously menacing the Russian left flank.

## DISSOLUTION PROSPECTS.

Mr. Balfour Weary of the Endless  
Worries of His Post.

## CABINET TROUBLES.

No One Can Be Induced To Take  
the Irish Secretaryship.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, Wednesday Night.—A larger number of members turned up at prayers to-day than has been the case on any previous occasion during the session.

The explanation was, of course, that they should secure seats for the evening sitting, when the free trade question was once again brought under the notice of Ministers.

There is more talk about dissolution to-night than has been the case for the last few weeks. This is largely due to the internal troubles of the Government, and particularly to the fact which has now become public property, that Mr. Balfour is finding the greatest difficulty in inducing any one of his colleagues who is at all fitted for the post to accept the Chief Secretaryship of Ireland.

Mr. Walter Long as well as three or four others are believed to have declined the post, but the general impression in the Lobby to-night is that in the end the President of the Local Government Board will be induced by Mr. Balfour to take the office vacated by Mr. Wyndham.

### GOVERNMENT'S NERVOUSNESS.

There is no doubt, however, that the Government have been so afraid of their position during the last few days, so far as the free-trade motion to-night is concerned, that they have abstained from making any important departures, either with regard to appointments to vacancies or with regard to policy.

Of course there are, as usual, various conflicting views as to what the future of the Government is to be. Personally, I am inclined to the belief that if they pull through this week they are likely to be tolerably safe until after Easter. The fact that Mr. Austen Chamberlain, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, is now going to have a surplus is rather a reason why they should hang on for a time, but this, of course, carries with it the possibility that they might take advantage of a popular Budget to go to the country.

There is little doubt, I believe, that Mr. Balfour is beginning to get very tired indeed of the endless worries associated with his position, and the exact state of affairs is, I believe, that if he could find a creditable way out he would not hesitate to take full advantage of it. For the moment, however, the desired opportunity has not arrived, and the fate of the Government therefore rests in the hands of the Ministerial majority.

### LIBERAL SLACKNESS.

The only thing that saves the Government is the extraordinary slackness of the Liberal Party. Despite the utmost exertions of the Opposition Whips, it seems impossible for them to get anything like a full muster of their supporters in attendance at Westminster. To a great extent, therefore, the future depends upon the action of the Liberals themselves. If they could only be induced to attend regularly at Westminster for a fortnight there is little doubt that the fate of the Government would be sealed.

One of the biggest Houses of the session was in attendance to-night after dinner to hear the debate on the free-trade motion submitted by Mr. Winston Churchill.

His speech, on the whole, was well fitted to the occasion, but the well-known hostility of the Tory Party to the member for Oldham spoiled to some extent the effect of his best points, and there is little doubt that the mere fact that it was Mr. Churchill's motion had the effect of driving many of the Conservative free-traders into the Government Lobby who might otherwise have abstained from voting.

The manner in which the debate was conducted from the Ministerial side, although very clever from a Party point of view, left no doubt in the minds of the House that there was hopeless division in the Ministerial ranks on the question, and that had a division been taken on a straight issue, the Government would have been in a hopeless minority.

With his usual dexterity, however, Mr. Balfour just managed to pull through once again, but at a price permanently damaging to the credit and prestige of his administration.

The King has appointed Mr. Maurice de Bunsen, C.B., Minister at Lisbon, in place of the late Sir Martin Gosselin.

The breach of promise case against the well-known cricketer, Tom Hayward, was yesterday allowed to stand over for seven days, it being announced that the action had been practically settled.



## ROYAL WEDDING POSTPONED.

Kaiser Nearly Breaks Off His  
Son's Engagement.

### ANGRY PARENTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BERLIN, Wednesday.—No little sensation has been caused here by the postponement of the marriage of the Crown Prince with the young Duchess Cecilie. Instead of being in May, it will not take place till the second fortnight in June.

Remembering the stories current lately as to tension between the Courts of Berlin and Schwerin, it is not surprising that people are now asking whether the marriage will take place at all.

If there is trouble between the parents of the young couple it is due to the strange affair at Florence, and the telegram the Kaiser is said to have sent to his son recalling him brusquely from the company of his intended bride.

Many versions have been published of this affair, but this, I am informed, is the true one.

#### True Version of the Trouble.

The Grand Duchess and her daughter were anxious that the Crown Prince should visit them at Cannes. To this the Kaiser objected. It was then proposed that the betrothed should meet at Florence, and the Kaiser's consent was obtained on the following understanding:—

1. That the Duchess Cecilie should be accompanied by her mother.
2. That the betrothed should not stay at the same hotel.

Piqued by this show of parental authority, and feeling that she could manage her own affairs without the Kaiser's assistance, the Grand Duchess declared herself ill, and announced that she would go to Florence a little later.

Meanwhile the young Duchess could go to Florence, she declared, under the chaperonage of Baron de Maltzahn and his wife. The lovers met at Florence, and three days passed pleasantly enough. Then the Grand Duchess telegraphed to her daughter that she could not think of joining her because her brother, the Grand Duke George of Russia, was coming with his family to Cannes.

#### "Send Her Back to Her Mother."

Upon this the Crown Prince referred the matter to his father, who, greatly angered, replied at once:—

"Send Cecilie back to her mother. As for you, return immediately."

The Kaiser was obeyed, but the engagement was seriously jeopardised, and it required all the efforts of Princess Alexandra, wife of Prince Christian of Denmark, and sister of the Grand Duchess Cecilie, who went immediately to Berlin to prevent the match being broken off by the Kaiser and the Grand Duchess Anastasia.

Though this affair was amicably settled, I am told that there are other troubles in the air.

### HUMAN SIDE OF POLITICS.

Strange Story of an M.P., an Elopement, and a Lost Seat.

A story of the late Mr. R. W. E. Middleton, once Chief Conservative Agent, in "Vanity Fair" throws a curious sidelight on politics and persons.

A member for a South London borough came to him with a piteous tale of imminent bankruptcy.

Suicide was the desperate man's only solution. At a by-election the seat would certainly be lost.

Mr. Middleton found that £12,000 was wanted. Someone, probably the late Sir J. Blundell Maple, provided the money, and Mr. Middleton hastened to the needy M.P.'s home.

He found only his wife, in tears. There was another woman in the case.

"I'd rather lose twenty seats than help your husband with a farthing," he said.

Not long after the M.P. bolted with the other lady, the Radicals won the seat, and the abandoned wife was helped with a goodly portion of the money intended for her husband.

### MR. CHURCHILL'S NEW ROLE.

"Fancy Mr. Winston Churchill in a Free Church singing the 'Glorious Song'!" said a Rev. Thomas Phillips at Manchester yesterday.

The rev. gentleman presented this picture to the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches in dealing with the problem, "How are the Free Churches to get hold of the cultured youth of the land?"

## LORD ANGLESEY ILL.

Spendthrift Marquis Prostrated by a  
Dangerous Attack of Pneumonia.

The Marquis of Anglesey is lying seriously ill at Monte Carlo, suffering from pneumonia. His condition is considered critical, and he has had oxygen administered to him.

The Marquis's financial troubles are fresh in the public memory. Though he inherited an income of £110,000 a year, he was unable to keep level with his enormous expenditure. His debts were estimated to be a quarter of a million sterling.

At the sale of his personal belongings, bought at immense cost, the sums realised were small, except in the case of the famous crystal ewer, which fetched £4,000.

The Marquis was the victim of a jewel robbery in 1901, his valet stealing £30,000 worth of jewels, which were practically all recovered through the shrewdness of Detective-inspector Drew.

The Marquis's infatuation was the stage, and Anglesey Castle he maintained a miniature Gaiety Theatre. In the yearly pantomime produced there



THE MARQUIS OF ANGLESEY.

his lordship, laden with his famous jewels, used to sustain the leading parts.

The Marquis was born in 1875, and in 1898 married the daughter of Sir George Chetwynd and the Marchioness of Hastings.

### NEW ROAD TO POWER.

First Part of "The Harmsworth Encyclopædia"  
Appears March 21.

"The Harmsworth Encyclopædia" the first fortnightly part of which will be published on Tuesday, March 21—meets a need long felt by everyone desiring to possess a complete and reliable work of reference at a nominal cost. For the first time in the history of the world such a work is offered to the public for one halfpenny per day—the cost of an evening paper.

Yet there is nothing cheap about the work except its price. It embodies the researches of a staff of 500 experts, who have summarised the world's literature of the 50,000 articles which go to make up this encyclopædia. From the first page to the last all is the original work of distinguished living experts.

Although "The Harmsworth Encyclopædia" contains 6,400 pages, yet, by the use of special paper, it is contained in eight volumes of convenient dimensions, while the type employed makes it easy to read without fatigue. There is not a superfluous word in the whole book.

The entire work will cost but the nominal sum of 23s. 4d.

### MOON AND TWO PLANETS.

Pretty Spectacle To Be Seen in the Heavens  
This Evening.

To-night, between seven and eight, Venus, Jupiter, and the moon will appear in the south-west quarter of the sky close together, and will present a very pretty spectacle.

In reality, of course, they are always a huge distance apart. From the spectator the moon is 240,000 miles distant.

Venus is a planet about the same size as the earth, and more than twenty times brighter than any star.

Jupiter is by far the greatest of the planets—1,300 times larger than the earth. It takes forty minutes for his light to travel to the earth.

### £2,000 FOR SERVANTS.

To his servants, Emma Anderton and Jane Chadd, Mr. C. T. Gray, of Upton-upon-Severn, Worcestershire, has left £2,000 each.

Miss A. J. Bathurst, of Eastbourne; Mrs. Harriet Appleby, of Greatham, Durham; and Miss Fishburn, of the Station Hotel, Darlington, bequeathed various sums to their servants.

## BURGLAR TRUST.

"Forty Thieves" Run Crime on  
Scientific Lines.

### BAND BETRAYED.

The trial, which opened at Amiens yesterday, of a band of forty burglars, against whom there are 150 charges of theft and several of murderous assault, reveals unprecedented scientific methods employed in crime.

For several years this daring and clever band has been in "business," and at the time of its discovery it possessed a capital of £100,000.

Marius Jacob, the leader, has been likened to Ali Baba because of the number of his band. But his organising skill shows him as a veritable "Kitchener of crime."

He had two travelling agents, paid £20 a month, expenses, and dividends, who advised him of all large houses temporarily left by their owners. The band specialised on this class of work.

Members of the gang would arrive at the indicated town at nightfall with bags containing all the necessary implements.

They robbed villas, chateaus, and churches, and their depredations extended to Mons, Rennes, Reims, and Rouen.

It is known, too, that they went on regular robbing expeditions from Paris to Bordeaux, thence to Toulouse, Marseilles, and Lyons.

It was in the disposal of the property that the band excelled. Its personnel was cleverly designed to comprise all talents.

It included gold melters, a chemist, locksmiths, compositors, painters, and four women.

Jewellery was removed to Paris as soon as it was taken, and quickly broken up and melted.

#### Selling the Gold.

The band was rich enough to bide its time for the selling of the gold.

Discovery was guarded against by an elaborate scheme, rendered safe because every member of the band made a huge profit out of the work, and by the further fact that death, swift and sure, was to be the portion of the informer.

Nevertheless, the discovery of the band was due to an informer.

Three of them were stopped by the police at Abbeville, and on being invited to the station to reveal the contents of their valises they drew their revolvers, killing one gendarme and seriously wounding another.

Two of the thieves escaped; the other was secured.

To the astonishment of the police this man revealed all he knew about the band.

Two of the men, who were subsequently arrested, are anarchists. Jacob, the leader, has manufactured bombs. He escaped from custody once by feigning madness.

His mother, who will be brought up with him, educated her boy to a life of crime.

Clarence, another prisoner, is also an anarchist, and Pellissard, who made the burglars' tools, was formerly on the staff of the "Cri de la Révolution."

Santarel, who presided at the meeting-spot, is the author of two pamphlets: "Conditions of the Soul," and "When Shall We Cut Throats?"

### WHAT A SON CAN DO.

Told That He May Pledge His Father's Credit  
for Necessaries of Life.

"I am getting into debt without means of paying," said a respectably-dressed youth yesterday to the Highgate magistrates, to whom he had come for advice.

The Chairman (Sir Francis Cory-Wright): Do not get into debt then.

Applicant: I cannot help myself. My father won't have me home. I have lost my situation, and must live.

Sir Francis: You can pledge your father's credit for necessities.

Applicant was referred to the court missionary with a view to a reconciliation.

### GOLD FROM THE SEA.

At a meeting of the Institute of Directors in London, yesterday, Mr. G. Walter Knox referred to the project of extracting gold from the sea. One of the main arguments was that there was plenty of sea, but he thought the only result would be that more gold would be thrown into it.

### HERO AGED FIVE.

The small, sailor-clad figure of James Nield, aged five, was lifted out of the magistrates' clerk's desk, at Blackburn yesterday, to receive the certificate of the London Society for the Protection of Life from Fire.

From a fire which destroyed the cottage in which the children were left this tiny hero rescued his baby brother.

## NEW YORK ON FOOT.

City May Seize the Subway If the  
Company Cannot Operate It.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—A mild reign of terror prevails here as a result of the strike. Trains are running, but the public are afraid to ride after the accident last night, which the police now say was a piece of train-wrecking in the interest of the strikers.

One of the subway trains dashed at almost full speed into another. Almost everyone on the train was more or less bruised, and several persons were hurt, it is feared, mortally.

The motor-men ran away, and the police are hunting him. The strikers contend that the charge of train-wrecking is made to alienate public sympathy from the men. It has had that effect.

Thousands had to walk to-day, and those able to climb upon the tramcars had to hold their positions with the aid of superior strength. In the rush football tactics prevailed.

Students of Columbia University volunteered as conductors for fun. One of the Gould boys, whose grandfather helped to build the elevated railways, is a Columbia student, and in this college assistance the strikers see the result of Gould sympathy for corporations.

Iron cages are built on the fronts of the railway trains to protect the drivers from volleys of stones and bricks.

The railway officials are importing men from Boston, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Chicago. They come under a strong bodyguard of prize-fighters, and have to run the gauntlet through strikers, who first try to dissuade them from working, and, if that fails, resort to force.

There is a project to stop the trainlines, and so inconvenience the public that surrender will be forced upon the management.

The president of the Rapid Transit Commission says that the city, which built and owns the subways, will seize and operate the line if the company cannot.

### JEALOUSY AND VITRIOL.

Mr. Justice Darling Illuminates a Sad Case  
with Flashes of Humour.

Before Mr. Justice Darling, yesterday, at the Old Bailey, Frederick-Henry Robinson, thirty-one, stoked on H.M.S. Pembroke, pleaded guilty to throwing vitriol in the face of Beatrice Dowell.

The prisoner and the girl had been engaged, but the affair was broken off. On meeting her the prisoner, with the remark, "You have not had any scent lately," threw a jar of vitriol over her. He was jealous of another man.

Mr. Hughes, for the defence, said the prisoner had been drinking heavily, and probably did not realise what he was doing.

Mr. Justice Darling: Was he able to tell a torpedo-boat from a trawler? (Laughter.)

Warrant-officer Carter called to give the prisoner a good character, said he thought the prisoner would be taken back into the Service, and would probably be sent to sea as part of his punishment. (Laughter.)

The Judge: Mr. Hughes, do you know that Dr. Johnson wrote that going to sea was worse than being in prison, because in addition to the confinement, one ran the risk of being drowned. (Laughter.)

(The Judge liberated the prisoner on his own recognisances.)

### LOTHARIO'S DIARY.

Dilemma of a German Clerk with a Wife and  
Four Sweethearts.

"Educated lady, middle-aged, wishes to meet educated gentleman for friendly association."

This advertisement was inserted last December in a German newspaper published in London by Mrs. Maria Corvier, a widow, who keeps an Islington Registry office.

It was answered by Paul Wiencke, a middle-aged German clerk, who representing he was about to enter a character-by-handwriting business, and promising to marry her, borrowed £25 from her.

Arrested, a diary was found on him with the following entry:—

"What am I to do now? A wife at Hamburg, one sweetheart in Germany, and three here."

Yesterday, at Clerkenwell, Wiencke, who has been twice married and once divorced, received four months' hard labour.

### "BOUQUET" OF BREAD.

When Miss Maria Winsome was singing at the Hulme Hippodrome the other night, a woman in the gallery dropped a 2lb cottage loaf on the stage. It fell within a few inches of the artist.

The offender was taken round to the back of the stage, where she was compelled to apologise to the offended singer.

The incident caused considerable indignation amongst both performers and audience.



## STORY OF LOVE IN THE SICK-ROOM.

Doctor Accused of Flirtation with a Lady Patient.

### SELF-DENOUNCED WIFE.

A drama with an original plot is being played in the Divorce Court.

Of the tragedies that from day to day are performed here the incidents related are strange and varied enough, but the plots incline to sameness and unoriginality.

When Mr. Lowe, K.C., announced yesterday that in the case about to be fought before a special jury the accused wife, the wife from whom a divorce was sought, would go into the witness-box and denounce herself as guilty, the Court realised that it was face to face with a fundamentally novel "motif."

The case was being fought because the co-respondent has indignantly denied the charges that husband and wife have both brought against him.

#### The Husband's Accusation.

Mr. William McDonald Miller, who holds an important position in a City "foreign corporation," is the accusing husband. He says that his wife, Catherine, whom he married in 1896, was led away by her medical attendant, Dr. Charles Owen Fowler, a Thornton Heath practitioner.

No stage situation could be "stronger" than that supplied when Mrs. Miller, standing boldly and without a tremor of voice or gesture in the witness-box, declared that the doctor sitting below her at the solicitors' table had used the sick-room to make unlawful love to her.

Adding to the strength of the situation was the fact that the doctor's wife, Mrs. Fowler, sat, sympathetic and evidently full of trust, by her accused husband's side.

#### The Doctor's Visits.

The gist of the story against the doctor is as follows:—

He was asked to attend Mrs. Miller shortly after her marriage. When Mr. Miller was away at business he paid her visits, although there was no illness in the house.

The son of Dr. Fowler, a boy at school at Malvern, was taken ill with scarlet fever. Fresh from the bedside of his son, Dr. Fowler came to visit Mrs. Miller, bringing some chocolates for one of her children. Mrs. Miller was shortly afterwards laid up with scarlet fever.

After coming to angry words with the doctor on the subject of infection being brought to the house, Mr. Miller received a confession from his sick wife.

#### Kisses and Sympathy.

"Dr. Fowler sympathised with me and kissed me on the forehead," said Mrs. Miller, describing to the Court what happened when she was on the brink of her self-accused wrong-doing.

But the tenuous moments of her evidence were when she told Mr. Hugo Young, K.C., who cross-examined her, why she had elected to give evidence against herself, although she asserted that she did not want a divorce.

Now she said to Mr. Young: "Dr. Fowler says this is a got-up business by myself and my husband to get money from him. That is the idea people have got."

"Then your feeling against him is so strong that you would rather divorce yourself than not make this statement," was counsel's rejoinder.

The case was adjourned.

## FOUR DAYS LOST.

Missing Official Safe, but Can Give No Account of Himself.

The mystery of the disappearance last Thursday of Mr. Jones, late clerk to the Acton District Council, has been solved.

He appeared at the West London Police Court yesterday to answer the charge, which he should have met last Thursday, of embezzling various sums of money belonging to ratepayers, amounting to £150.

It was stated that he returned home on Monday morning in a state of collapse, unable to give any account of his wanderings.

After formal evidence, he was remanded, bail being allowed. His solicitor, Mr. Q. Hanson, promised that he should be watched night and day.

For several years Mr. Jones had been clerk to the Acton District Council, and he also kept a bookseller's and stationer's shop in the High-street. Recently he resigned.

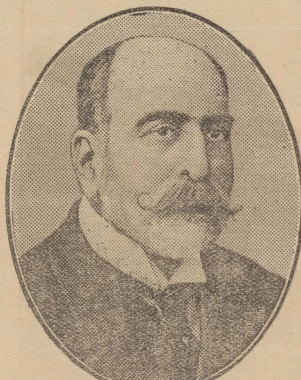
On February 17 he received a summons to attend the West London Police Court to answer a charge of embezzling money belonging to the council. The news of the issuing of the summons created a sensation in Acton, where Mr. Jones was very well known, but he did not appear to be at all disturbed.

On Thursday morning he left home early. At 11.30 he called at Mr. Hanson's office. At 12.15 he sent a telegram to his wife, asking her to meet him at Mr. Hanson's office at two.

At one o'clock he rang up Mr. Hanson on the telephone and asked if it was absolutely necessary that he should attend the court at two. A clerk replied that it was, and Mr. Jones said "All right" and rang off.

When his name was called in court there was silence, and the solicitor for the prosecution asked for a warrant.

### FRIEND OF THE KING.



Mr. Heuben David Sassoon, who was a great friend of the King's, and often entertained his Majesty when he was Prince of Wales, has just died at Brighton.—(Dickenson.)

### CANT THAT FAILED.

Thief of "Religious Convictions" Pleads in Vain for a Fresh Start.

On the strength of his former association with a Methodist mission, William Lawrie, of Eastcote-street, Stockwell, called upon various members of the chapel to which the mission was attached and "imposed upon them."

While waiting in the hall at a house in Catharina-terrace, South Lambeth, he spied a lady's jacket and made off with it.

At Westminster yesterday he informed Mr. Francis that his religious convictions were still unchanged. If he could only have a fresh start in life he would leave the dock happily and be a better man.

"I am not to be imposed on by this sort of humbugging cant," said Mr. Francis. "Six weeks' hard labour."

### BROTHER AND SISTER ROBBERS.

At the Old Bailey yesterday William Read and Mary Ann Ingate, brother and sister, were convicted of highway robbery with violence.

They hired a marine engineer down a side street, felled him to the ground, and rifled his pockets.

The Recorder sentenced the man to twelve months and the woman to nine months' hard labour.

"As yet the London cabmen have not learned to estimate the speed of motor-cars," said Judge Edge at Croydon County Court yesterday during a collision case.

## RICH MAN'S WAIL.

Obliged To Forego the Luxury of Plovers' Eggs.

### BEYOND MONEY'S REACH.

This is the season when the gourmet's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of plovers' eggs.

The precious dainty is generally to be had in March at the modest price of half-a-crown per egg, which is quite within the resources of even a moderately rich man.

But this year they are hardly to be had for love or money. Last week a few came to hand from Scotland, and were sold for as much as 8s. and 10s. apiece.

This week there are none at all, and the amateur of plovers' eggs is disconsolate. To the uninitiated the tiny egg, with its rich blotches of brown-olive-green, is simply something pretty to look at, and they will bear the present famine with philosophy.

To people who make gastronomy a serious science it is, however, a grave matter. There is still alive in modern London the spirit of the Roman epicure, who to enjoy an olive in its perfection had it cooked enclosed in a lark, which, in turn, was encased in a pheasant, and the pheasant again in a peacock—the birds, of course, being thrown away, and the olive alone eaten.

#### Trial for Gourmets.

To real epicures the plover's egg is a thing of delight, and a plentiful spring puts the gourmet in good temper all the Ascut week.

The *Daily Mirror* yesterday tried to buy some plovers' eggs, only to find there are no hopes of any until the end of the month; perhaps not till later, if the weather remains cold and the winds keen.

However, in lieu of plovers' eggs a variety of other new delicacies were offered. Kangaroo-tail soup is highly recommended as very much resembling clear turtle, and Chinese birds' nests served as either soup or an entree are also finding favour with jaded palates.

On the other hand, strawberries are comparatively cheap for this time of year. They came in early and are now obtainable at sixpence and eightpence each for large fruit.

They are chiefly English, and very few forced strawberries are imported.

Asparagus, too, is early; the large white French asparagus is scarcely seen in any of the shops, but the little slender, tender, green English vegetable is everywhere, and can be purchased as low as sixpence for a good-sized bundle.

Onions, however, bid fair to become a rare delicacy. There is an absolute famine in this succulent root, and they are already rising in price, costing now as much as sixpence a pound.

### LOUD-VOICED VETERAN.

Death of a General Who Believed in Teaching Men How to Die.

Aldershot was greatly shocked yesterday by the tragically sudden death of Brigadier-General Crabbe, C.B., Sir John French's chief staff officer.

The General arrived at the headquarters office, apparently in his usual health, at nine in the morning.

An hour later he was found unconscious in a lavatory, and died soon afterwards.

General Crabbe was a big, blue man of marked personality. He had a tremendously powerful voice, and when in South Africa it was said his orders could be heard from one side of a kopje to the other.

Singularly enough, in a speech at a military lecture on the day prior to his death, he said: "The whole art of training a soldier lies in teaching him how to die."

### "OPEN DOOR" ON THE RAILWAY.

At an inquest at Hackney yesterday on Caroline King, an old woman of seventy-four, who was dragged between train and platform at Hackney Station, it was admitted that all the carriage-doors were not shut before the train started.

"If they were there would be an outcry," said Dr. Wynn Westcott, the coroner. "They are trying it in Italy, and the trains are a quarter of an hour late at each station."

### TEMPTATIONS TO CHILDREN.

"Medicated wine at 10d. per quart." This was the announcement in the window, packed with wine bottles, of a Preston chemist's shop, during Christmas tide.

"Any child with a few coppers could get there what intoxicants it wanted," said Police-inspector Clayton at the Preston Licensing Sessions yesterday.

"My husband pawned it to pay his railway fare to work," said Florence Hardy, charged at West Ham yesterday with stealing a blanket.

## GREYBEARD AS LOVER.

Proves Faithless, and Has To Pay Damages for Breach of Promise.

Joseph Parry, widower, grandfather, and a master cooper, was yesterday ordered at the Court of Passage, Liverpool, to pay Miss Daisy Florence Crabtree, a domestic servant, £150 damages for breach of promise of marriage.

The widower was considerably older than the lady, but, left very much to himself by his first family, he succumbed to her charms after meeting her at her mistress's house in 1897.

He took her to York, Blackpool, Southport, and elsewhere, and was generally regarded as her accepted lover.

Then Parry engaged a housekeeper about his own age, "with the idea of flaunting me," said the girl.

In June last he saw her shaking hands with a young man at the door of her father's dining-rooms in Liverpool.

In answer to his demand for an explanation, Miss Crabtree wrote:—

"I like your love-letter. It is like a lot of others you have written me. By your actions you seem to be afraid to address me as anything different to Miss Crabtree."

"You say you want to be straight, but it has taken you a long time to think about it."

"You would not have written now if your housekeeper had not been out."

### PERILS OF SHOPPING.

Drapers Have to Pay £50 for Making a Lady Nervous.

"Ladies inspecting goods in drapers' windows must be protected," said Judge Emden at Lambeth County Court yesterday.

Mrs. Whitlock, wife of an engineer living at Clapham, sued Messrs. Peter and Evans, of 464, Brixton-road, for personal injuries. On December 12, while she was looking at some lace in one of her windows, down came an electric globe, cutting her head and causing her to suffer since from nervousness.

In giving judgment for £50 and costs, the Judge said that if action had been taken in the High Court the damages would have been greater.

### MRS. CLEMENT SCOTT

Called On To Deliver Up Documents in a Theatrical Trust.

Application was made at Bow-street Police Court yesterday for Mrs. Clement Scott, the widow of the famous dramatic critic, to show cause why she should not deliver up certain documents relating to the administration of the Nielson Trust Fund.

It was explained by Sir George Lewis that in 1881 Admiral Carr Glyn left £3,000 to establish a fund in memory of Miss Nielson, a well-known actress, for the relief of necessitous members of the theatrical profession.

When Mr. Scott died Sir Squire Bancroft was appointed as the co-trustee of Sir Henry Irving and Mr. Toole, but when asked to send the documents, Mrs. Scott only forwarded a cheque-book and a pass-book.

Mrs. Scott told the magistrate she was ready to give up all the papers she could find, but it would take a considerable amount of investigation.

"Supposing I cannot find anything?" she asked.

The Magistrate: Then you cannot give it up.

The case was adjourned.

### ACTORS HELP THE UNEMPLOYED.

Mr. George Alexander has arranged a particularly attractive programme for his unemployed benefit matinee on March 23.

He himself will appear in a new piece called "The Burglar"; Mr. Cyril Maude and Miss Emery will give a scene from "The School for Scandal"; Mr. Beerboom Tree will do "The Ballad-Monger"; Miss Ashwell, Miss Millard, and Mr. Waller will recite; Miss Studholme, Mr. Rutland Barrington, and Mr. George Grossmith, jun., will sing.

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## CARNIVAL OF DEMOCRACY.

Weird and Fantastic Festival in East London.

### WORSHIP OF BACCHUS.

Social democracy reigned in a gloomy house in a narrow by-street in Whitechapel. It was the half-yearly celebration of the German vintage feast, and a faithful little band of Russians, Poles, and Germans had assembled to honour it according to national custom.

At ten o'clock the gaunt room, decorated with fruit hanging from the ceiling, was alive with strange, unfamiliar types of people talking all the languages of Eastern Europe.

A door opened, and there entered a short, black-bearded man in the white vestments of a Russian priest. In procession behind came acolytes, white-robed, crimson-sashed young girls, fancifully dressed children carrying flowers and fruit, and, finally, a handful of young men in various uniforms of the Russian army.

The pale woman at the piano played the stirring Russian national anthem, and slowly and solemnly the strange procession marched round the room.

"Let the Soldiers Take the Toll."

A word, and there came a halt. The high priest mounted the little stage. In impassioned language he preached socialism and the deity of the vine, Bacchus. "Gather the fruits in due season," he cried; "let the soldiers take the toll. All must pay tribute to me, Bacchus."

A strange, wild scene followed. Each man, woman, and child in the room leapt and snatched at the rosy and golden fruit.

A strident voice cried presently: "Prepare for the bride and bridegroom," and a man and girl in picturesque white appeared on the stage. The high priest performed a vivid little ceremony of joining hands, while the crowd chanted a strange hymn.

Then came the marriage-dance, and all must take part. It was a fantastic scene in this Whitechapel house. Nominally it was the celebration of a national festival; in reality these people shouted and danced because, with the coming ending of the war, they look for a new day of happiness and freedom to dawn in Russia.

### WARRIOR IN THE PULPIT.

Sir Charles Warren Preaching in the City Describes the Father as Priest of the Family.

Arrayed in a surplice and cassock, General Sir Charles Warren occupied the pulpit at St. Edmund's Church, Lombard-street, yesterday, and preached on the responsibility of the Church in reference to the national life.

He urged a greater share of work by the laity in the government of the Church.

It was not enough that men should attend the services. They should be interested in the real government of the Church, and assist it in every way possible. They should be drawn in to be part and parcel of the Church.

If this could be done our prisons, asylums, workhouses, and their like would soon be emptied.

There would be more work, more food, and more love in the land; drunkenness, which should never be treated in itself as an amiable weakness, would disappear. The father was the priest of the family.

### ARMY EXTRAVAGANCE.

Military "Business Men" Dabble in Trade at Taxpayers' Expense.

Extraordinary wastefulness and recklessness are being shown by somebody responsible for sending Government stores to South Africa.

Large "surplus supplies" have just been advertised for sale by the military authorities. The list includes:—

399,000lb. of tinned meat and vegetable rations,  
398,000lb. of biscuits in 40lb. canisters,  
50,000lb. of preserved meat,  
227,000lb. of compressed vegetables,  
531,000 boxes of matches,  
26,290 tins of Keating's insect powder,  
And about 200,000 bottles of wines and spirits.

Ever since the war, says "Truth," local traders have had to compete with the Government's forced sales of surplus goods, sold at less than cost price, at the expense of the British taxpayer. No duty is charged on goods landed in South Africa for the Army.

The present sale is not of goods bought during the war. Many of the articles are perishable, and must have been bought recently. Why were they ever supplied?

But there would seem to be no need to dispose of wines and spirits, which do not deteriorate by keeping.

## INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

Viscount Peel is lying seriously ill at his London residence. The Prince of Wales sent to inquire after his lordship's health yesterday.

Two more submarine-boats of the "A" class were launched at Barrow yesterday.

The Rev. Joshua Pritchard Hughes, vicar of Llantrisant, yesterday accepted the Bishopric of Landaff.

Addressed to "Thomas R. Clemas, England, via 'Frisco,'" a postcard from New Zealand has been delivered to the Teignmouth relieving officer of that name.

In a tunnel near Aberdovey station, South Wales, a train broke down, and the passengers were a prey to keen anxiety whilst the fireman walked back to Dovey Junction to fetch another engine.

With their summer uniforms members of the Accrington borough police force wear "Baden-Powell" hats, in place of the usual helmet, which cumbersome headgear is said to make men prematurely bald.

Lists showing bets of over £8, made at one time upon various racehorses, were found in the possession of a man named Schofield, sent to gaol at Blackburn yesterday. He was suspected of a large number of robberies from penny-in-the-slot gas-meters left in empty cottages.

An experiment adopted at Barnsley County Court of making orders on judgment summonses payable by so much per month, instead of making the whole amount payable in a stated time, is not to be tried elsewhere. The result of the plan, says Judge Raikes, was that nearly double the number of people had been committed to prison.

One of the candidates for an assistant collectorship under the Cardiff Board of Guardians gives as a qualification, says a South Wales paper, that his height is 9ft. 2in.

Corn doctors and retailers of hair-restorers are to be excluded from Blackpool sands this summer. Licences for stands have been refused them.

Dr. Macnamara's Bill for the prohibition of juvenile smoking provides that tobacco in any form shall not be sold to anyone under the age of sixteen years.

Preaching and praying in the street whilst in a state of intoxication led to a Manchester pork butcher being fined for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Rev. Angus Beltrane, vicar of Senham, Durham, who entered upon his ninety-fifth year yesterday, is probably the oldest living clergyman in England.

"Truth" comments on the fact that a tramp who entered the casual ward at Bradford Workhouse, near Reading, was refused a drink of water although he asked for it.

Although admitting that he climbed to the second storey of a house by the water-pipe, and returned by the same means, a man committed for burglary at Edinburgh protested that he was intoxicated at the time.

Plans have been passed for the erection at Blackpool of a "catagraph," which is to be one of the attractions at this popular seaside resort. Catagraph is generally described as the first draft of a picture; also a profile; but only the municipal fathers appear to know at present what particular form the one at Blackpool will take.

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Descriptions of the Principal

Photographs in To-day's

"Daily Mirror."

## ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

### WAR PHOTOGRAPHS FROM MANCHURIA.

We are able to-day to reproduce another series of war pictures from Manchuria. The terrific battle now raging around Mukden—the most tremendous conflict that has been known in the history of the world—cannot fail to make them of absorbing interest at the moment. They will be found on pages 1, 8, 9.

The photographs on page 1 show Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Hamilton, until lately chief British attaché with the Japanese forces, amusing himself at target-practice with one of the rifles captured from the Russians. He was especially keen on showing the Japs some of the Bisley styles of shooting, as may be observed in one of the pictures.

Sir Ian Hamilton, who is now on his way home to take up an important command in England, is a good shot, and, notwithstanding the use of a strange rifle, always managed to give a good account of himself in the shooting competitions.

### ON THE WAY TO THE FRONT.

The large photograph on pages 8-9 shows a large body of Japanese reinforcements on their way to join the main army under Marshal Oyama, on the Sha-ho, in preparation for the advance on Mukden.

As the photograph shows the country was covered with snow during the time that most of these reinforcements were hurried to the front, and the cold was intense. But despite the trying conditions the plucky little brown men evinced again, time after time, the wonderful marching powers which won them the enthusiastic admiration of the allied forces during the Pekin relief expedition at the time of the Boxer rebellion.

### FLYING FROM MUKDEN.

The photograph on page 8 showing refugees from Liao-ying flying northward along the road to Mukden laden with all their portable belongings has particular point at the moment, for the same unhappy people are now dotted along the road from Mukden to Tieling in the conviction that the fall of the Manchu capital cannot now be delayed for many hours.

In this connection, too, the photograph of a train with military stores arriving in Mukden Station deserves to be specially noted. A number of similar trains have been arriving at Mukden daily for months, and, although provisions and fodder were consumed almost as soon as they arrived, the stores of munitions accumulated in the city must be enormous.

### RAILWAY ROMANCE.

A photograph on page 8 shows one of the boards to hold letters which the Great Central Railway has erected at Marylebone and other stations for the convenience of passengers who wish to leave "wait-until-called-for" messages.

Though prosaic enough in appearance, the contrivance has already been christened the "love-postbox" by the railway officials, for its main use at present seems to be to serve as a means of communication between shy lovers.

There is an instance already on record of a silent worshipper who seized this opportunity "to declare his affection for a young lady who had for a long time been a frequent fellow-passenger, though the two had never spoken.

### NOTABLE ENGAGEMENT.

The Marquis of Bute, whose engagement to Miss Augusta Bellingham is just announced, is a great coalowner as well as the lord of vast landed estates.

He owns the island of Bute, the town of Cardiff, six country seats, a London house, and a large estate in Palestine. He is the fortunate possessor of a seat-roll approximating a quarter of a million per annum.

A portrait of his bride-to-be will be found on page 9.

### ACQUISITION FOR THE "ZOO."

The latest acquisition of the Royal Zoological Society appears in the photograph on page 8.

The animal is known as the northern lynx, and comes from northern Asia. It is a fine specimen, about three years old, and the "Zoo" may be congratulated on the addition to their collection, for they have been without a representative of this species of feline for more than five years.

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### FACTORY DESTROYED BY FIRE.



Machinery and stock to the value of many thousands of pounds were destroyed by fire in a Godalming tannery, and, though the firemen worked desperately, many having narrow escapes, little but the walls of the building were left standing.

One of the candidates for baptism at Cardigan was a man of ninety-two years, and he took the lead.

The Junior Army and Navy Club, St. James's, is to be sold by the mortgagees, who have fixed the upset price at £29,000.

For the last eighteen months of his life, John Alsey, aged seventy-three, made his home in an outhouse, at Buxted, Sussex. In this rough dwelling-place he died.

Formerly a trick cyclist under the name of Anderson, a young woman named Isabella Moore was remanded at the South-Western Court yesterday charged with theft.

Watford, Hertfordshire, has only had two vicars in 105 years. The present incumbent has just celebrated his jubilee, whilst his predecessor held the position for fifty-five years.

What looked like an immense coffin on a drey attracted much attention in central London yesterday. It was simply a huge case holding a racing-bolt, built by a Chelsea firm, intended for shipment to South America.

Shouting and cheering with the full strength of his lungs at a football match the other day, a Halstead (Essex) boy, named Leonard Byford, aged fifteen, was suddenly struck dumb on reaching home. He has remained mute ever since.

The outrage on Hull trawlers has had far-reaching effects. A Bill has now been introduced by the Dutch Government providing for the compulsory insurance of Dutch sailors against the risks and accidents of their calling, especially in the North Sea.

The ketch Wesley, of Jersey, was wrecked off Ramsgate yesterday, and the crew of three hands took to the rigging. From their perilous position they were rescued by lifeboatsmen.

In the seat-pillar of a bicycle which was being overhauled at a repairer's shop in New Kent-road, a lady's valuable diamond and sapphire ring was found. It was wrapped in tissue paper.

Coombe Cottage, Kingston Hill, says an advertisement, is to be let, furnished, for three years "owing to Lord Charles Bessford's appointment to the Mediterranean for that time."

Disatisfied with the service of cars on the Leclane route, the Horwich Council have requested the Bolton Committee to remove the tramway track, poles, and equipment, and restore the roads to their former condition.

Near Seascale, Cumberland, a silver coin of Emperor Nerva, one of the Cæsars who reigned A.D. 96 to 98, has been found in a rabbit-hole. The coin is in a good state of preservation, and has been added to the day-school museum.

From Buckingham Palace comes a pretty little story of a dog to whom Princess Victoria showed occasional kindness. During the Princess's illness, her little four-footed friend pined at losing sight of her and died the same day its royal patron went out for her first chair drive.

The forgetfulness of a coachman caused the postponement of a marriage at Northallerton parish church. Jehu had been engaged at another wedding, earlier in the day, and only remembered his appointment to fetch the second bride when it was too late.



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### JU-JITSU IN WAR.

EVERYBODY knows by this time that ju-jitsu is the ingenious Japanese system of self-defence. It is a system which does not depend for its triumphs upon brute force. It enables moderate muscles and quick minds to get easily the better of great strength, which is used without cleverness, without brain.

It is ju-jitsu which gives a small Japanese the mastery over a large—well, we will not say a large Englishman, but a large man of any nationality, who relies rather upon "muddling through" than upon deciding first exactly what must be done and doing it with quick determination and a thorough knowledge of what he aims at.

It is ju-jitsu on a larger scale which is winning the battle of Mukden. In numbers the opposing armies are about equal. So far as experience of war goes, the Russians have a decided advantage. In the matter of physique the average Russian soldier is half as big and half as strong again as the average Japanese. Yet in this, as in all the other great battles of this war, the Japanese are pushing the Russians down before them.

The reason is that those who have trained and who are now leading the Mikado's troops understand the science of adapting means to ends. They use their brains all the time. They teach their men things that will be useful to them—to disregard death, to keep their heads cool, to observe the laws of health, cleanliness, and sanitation. They lay their plans carefully, studying both their own weak points (as well as the strong) and their enemy's strong points (as well as his weak ones).

Therefore, when the time comes for their blow to be delivered it is a blow straight from the shoulder, well-directed, well-driven home, at the point where it will have most effect. Their successes are the triumph of ju-jitsu applied to the methods of war.

### PREPOSTEROUS!

Several correspondents have asked the *Daily Mirror* to give, from time to time, concrete instances in which "the dead hand" of the past prevents useful reforms from being carried out to-day. Here is a striking case in point.

London elects a large number of M.P.s to represent it in the House of Commons at Westminster. London also elects a large number of county councillors to look after its affairs at Spring Gardens.

London's county councillors have decided that certain reforms are needed. They want to extend the tramways. They want to alter the laws that affect building. They want to improve the Port of London.

We do not say that these proposals are either wise or foolish. That does not affect our present argument. They are, however, the proposals of the men whom London elected as county councillors.

Now, what do the men whom London elected as M.P.s do? So many of them as are Unionists have just met and decided to oppose all that the county councillors want to do! They will do their best to induce Parliament to refuse its sanction to the County Council's schemes.

London, therefore, goes to the trouble of electing two sets of people in order that the one set may make plans for its benefit and that the other set may trample on these plans.

It is as if a man should keep two cooks—one to prepare his dinner and the other to throw it out of the window as soon as it is dished up.

### THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

A higher civilisation, by which I understand neither superior clothes, nor better houses, nor richer wines, nor even more destructive gunpowder, but a nobler system of ideas and aspirations possessing a community, must commence, where alone ideas and aspirations can have a beginning, in somebody's mind.—*Dr. Martineau.*

## THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

LORD HUGH CECIL, according to the latest revelation (or imagination) of Mr. Wanklyn in connection with Mr. Winston Churchill's "plot," was to have been the new Minister of Education in the Government which was to inaugurate a new period in English history. Well, if Mr. Churchill did suggest that Lord Hugh should have the post he showed considerable discrimination. Lord Hugh is certainly one of the cleverest of the Cecils. He has also, in spite of his willowy and nervous appearance, a full share of Cecil determination and obstinacy. His family used to take the greatest delight in the way in which "Linky," as they called him, proved himself from his earliest years to be no respecter of persons.

Even now the story of how Lord Hugh told the truth once to no less a person than Mr. Gladstone is remembered by them with delight. He was five years old at the time, and had not arrived at an age to dissociate political from social enmity. Therefore, when he was introduced to Mr. Gladstone, whom he knew to be Lord Salisbury's rival, his first words were: "You are a bad man." Mr. Gladstone was startled. "How can I be a bad man?" he said, "when I am a friend of your father's?" "Oh," said the little boy contemptuously, "my father's going to cut your head off."

with a great big sword!" Since that candid age Lord Hugh has probably felt the same thing about other opponents without permitting himself to express it so directly.

Everybody who has anything to do with diplomacy in England will be sorry to lose Mr. Henry Clay Evans, otherwise more familiarly known as "General" Evans, who has been an ideal Consul-General over here since 1902. Mr. Evans has certainly had the social success in London which is, after all, only a part of the business of his position. He is a typical Southerner, looking rather like the traditional figure of "Uncle Sam," who is the American John Bull, with his little pointed beard and his moustache. For a diplomatist the "General" has nothing ostentatious or sly about him. His success has been due to his free and open manner, and to the strength of character which these reveal.

The New York papers are full of Miss Ellis Jeffreys, who has just made a very favourable impression as a comedy actress there. One critic complains that Miss Jeffreys could not play an emotional part—a remark which, he says, might be applied to nearly all English actresses—but I do not know why he sought for emotion from one whose sharp, incisive style more or less excludes it. Miss Jeffreys is certainly very cold on the stage. Off the stage she is a very energetic woman and kind-hearted. She has suffered a great deal, and

perhaps the work with which she seems to load herself is for her a means of forgetting what she has suffered.

Her first marriage was a very unhappy one. All her friends congratulated her upon it at first; her husband was a man of rank and position; obviously she had "made a grand match." Fashion and unhappiness, however, have an unpleasant way of going together, and after eight years of married life, Miss Jeffreys was forced to claim her liberty once more. Since then she has married again, this time an actor, Mr. Herbert Sleath Skelton, and she seems very happy with him.

Mr. "Herbert Sleath" is a surprisingly modest and unaffected person considering that he is good-looking and an actor. He has also been his own manager at the Strand and the Adelphi—the youngest manager in London. Perhaps he owes his freedom from "side" to his love for sport, and the open air, and rambles in wild places where affectation seems impossible. When he left Eton, he was coached for the Army; failed for it in his tranquil, easy way; and then made off to Nicaragua and Mexico, where he went in for a little gold-mining.

Manchester, which is said to be one of the most musical cities in England, will be very disappointed not to have Dr. Richter there to-day to conduct the "Dream of Gerontion," but I am sure that the "indisposition" which prevents him from fulfilling this engagement must be a real one, for he is a very hard worker and has rarely disappointed his admirers. Richter has now become a familiar figure in the English musical world, and he has numbers of English friends. Yet when he first came over here he could not speak a word of the language, and was led, consequently, into many an awkward blunder.

During his first rehearsals he was compelled to employ an interpreter to explain his views to the players. The interpreter was a very polite person. Therefore he softened the crudity of some of Dr. Richter's rebukes in a way which was comic to the listeners who happened to understand both German and English. Thus, when Richter, annoyed by a performer who insisted upon playing a wrong note, said to the interpreter, "Tell the sheep's head that he is playing C sharp instead of C natural," the interpreter turned to the player and said: "Mr. Richter desires me to ask you if you will kindly play C natural. Thank you, so much!"

Everybody hopes that Lord Peel may recover quickly from his indisposition, of which I am sorry to hear rather grave accounts, for he is one of the most popular figures in the graver and more intellectual section of London society. Since his retirement from the Speakership in 1895 Lord Peel has lived very quietly at his home in Bedfordshire, reading a great deal of history, and leaving the life of action to his clever sons, all of whom are doing very well. They are, indeed, Lord Peel's consolation for the great loss he sustained, while he was still Speaker, in the death of the wife to whom he was devoted.

Now, as in his hard-working days, Lord Peel is a singularly dignified man. He was, I think, the only man who ever kept the House of Commons in order. A marvellous example of how he stood to the nightly hours of Parliament as a respected master was seen when the "free fight" took place while the House was in committee over Gladstone's second Home Rule Bill. The Chairman vainly endeavoured to quiet the unruly members. Somebody was shaking his fist at Mr. Gladstone; Mr. Chamberlain had been insulted; Colonel Sanderson was in the midst of an alarming mêlée of infuriated members. It was a terrible scene.

Then somebody thought of sending for the Speaker. He came into the House with his usual manner—a little calmer than usual perhaps—with his Speaker's robes and wig. As soon as he appeared there was a hush. Members ceased pulling each other's hair, Colonel Sanderson put down the bench with which he was meditating an attack upon a well-known opponent, everybody slunk back to their seats. There was dead silence as the Speaker got into his chair; you could have heard a pin drop as he began to speak, and the speech itself, a pained yet courteous rebuke, was received with an air of deep contrition by the Parliamentary prize-fighters who listened to it.

### IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 8.—We must not blame Nature if our gardens are uninteresting just now. Soon they should be even beautiful, if we have laid our plans aright. But to have a lovely garden in spring requires a great deal of thought and experience.

Of course, beds can be filled with bulbs grown formally. But flowers in formal beds will not satisfy every lover of the beautiful.

Borders, when properly planned, should be edged with crocuses. In shady nooks primroses should appear with snowdrops, bluebells, and daffodils peeping between them.

Tall, late tulips look well planted in clumps all over the garden. The rockcrests and forget-me-nots should be allowed to invade many a path.

### MODERN CANUTE AND THE SEA-WAVES.



From the Berlin "Dorfbärber," a clever German comic paper, which ridicules the idea that the Tsar can keep back the rising tide of revolution by the use of the knot.

### A WOMAN OF THE HOUR.

Mrs. Humphry Ward.

SHE is probably our most popular English woman writer, and this week she is giving a lot of her work to the public. To-day her latest novel, "The Marriage of William Ashe," is published, and only yesterday we noticed her play, "Agatha," produced before a royal Princess and a fashionable audience at His Majesty's Theatre.

Mrs. Ward leapt to the fore with her novel, "Robert Elsmere" seventeen years ago. It was read and discussed everywhere, and drew a review of no unstinted praise from Mr. Gladstone in the "Nineteenth Century."

To literature she came by direct descent, for she is a granddaughter of the great Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, but it was not until her husband, originally an Oxford don, had made a name as a journalist on the "Times" that she took to writing.

But she does not confine herself to literature. She does any amount of social work, and the well-known Vacation Schools of the Passmore Edwards Settlement are due to her inspiration and greatly to her work.

She herself is exactly what her books would lead one to expect—a woman of intellect and education. Everyone who knows her is devoted to her. Her quick sympathy, her wide knowledge of mankind and tolerance of their failings win affection everywhere she goes.

But it is not until one gets to really know the graceful, grey-haired woman, almost invariably dressed in black, with a fichu of beautiful old lace, that one understands her full charm, for she is shy—she admits it—and reserved with strangers.

One of the most beautiful notes of her character is her love of her home life and her daughters. It is to her daughter, Dorothy—"daughter and friend"—that she has dedicated her latest work. [Review of Mrs. Ward's new book on page 10.]

### THE WORLD'S HUMOUR.

Wit from Europe and America.

Karl: They say it isn't easy to keep a girl in your kitchen nowadays, but I've had the same cook for twenty years.

Fritz: That is a great record. How did you manage it?

Karl: I married her.—"Meggendorfer Blatter."

"Do you admire the Countess?"

"My dear fellow, I know nothing about painting."—"Sourire" (Paris).

First Trump: I don't believe in doin' two things at once.

Second Trump: Two things. Gee! I don't believe in doin' one thing at once.—"Puck" (American).

The teacher was giving a writing lesson. One boy, who had been looking on the neighbouring boy's slate, said: "Please, teacher, he's put 'putten,' and he ought to have putten 'put.'"—"Birmingham Dart."

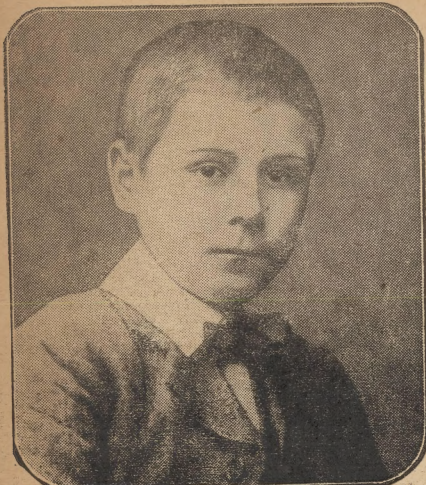
A little girl, nine years old, having attended a soirée, being asked by her mother on returning how she enjoyed herself, answered: "I am full of happiness. I couldn't be any happier unless I could grow."—"Globe."

Miss Flynt: Jack Hansom was telling me about a romantic adventure he had at the party last night. It seems he bumped into a girl in a dark hall and kissed her; and he doesn't know yet.—

Miss Elders: Oh! tee-hee! That was I. Miss Flynt: What? Oh! for goodness sake, don't tell him now. Let him love his romance.—"Philadelphia Press."

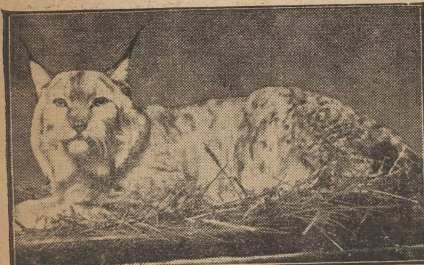


## MISSING BOY MYSTERY.



Walter Everth, the thirteen-year-old Streatham boy who mysteriously disappeared after being seen in conversation with a strange lady dressed in black. His father believes the lad has been kidnapped.

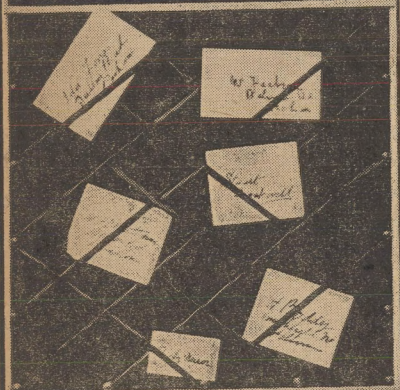
## LATEST ARRIVAL AT THE ZOO.



This fine cat, a specimen of the northern lynx from North Asia, has just been acquired by the Zoological Society. (Daily Mirror copyright.)

## LOVERS' LETTER-BOX.

### GREAT CENTRAL RY PUBLIC MESSAGE BOARD



THIS BOARD IS PROVIDED FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC WHO DESIRE TO LEAVE MESSAGES TO BE CALLED FOR.

This board, recently put up at the terminus of the Great Central Railway, is officially described as a "public message board," but unofficially it is known as the "lovers' letter-box," on account of the number of romantic messages left in it by passengers.

## WAR SCENES OF THE GREAT



Japanese soldiers on their way through the snows of Manchuria to the front on the Sha-ho, halting at a village on their path. Such pillaged wherever they went.



Unhappy inhabitants of Manchuria who have been forced to abandon their villages in the depths of winter to escape from the horrors of war. On their backs they are carrying most of their household goods.—(Collier's Weekly.)



Arrival of a train, which came from the direction of the front for the troops at the Russian headquarters. Yesterday station.—(Collier's Weekly.)

## EXPLOSION AT A GUN-COTTON FACTORY.



A tremendous explosion which occurred in the factory of the New Pegamoid Company at Edmonton and the fire which followed were responsible for the wreckage shown in this photograph. One man was seriously injured, and many others had marvellous escapes.—(Daily Mirror copyright.)

## JEALOUS OF THE NEW



The scaffolding had not long been removed from the new War Office building when the explosion occurred.



# MANCHURIAN CAMPAIGN.



ch villages as a rule provided little but bare shelter for a few soldiers, as the Russians who had been over the same ground  
—("Collier's Weekly.")

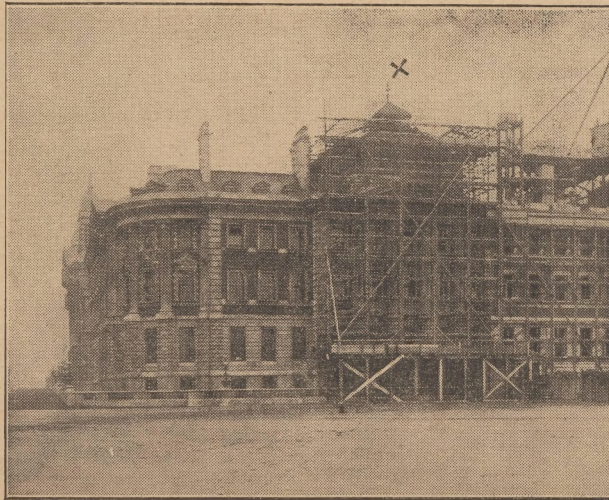
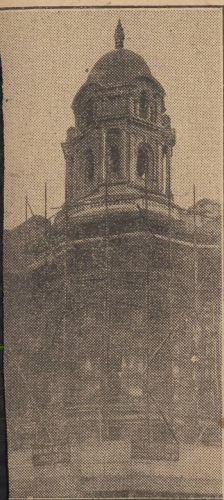


geling, in Mukden Station, bearing provisions  
by the Japanese shells were falling close to this  
s Weekly.")



Japanese officers and men resting in the snow after driving the  
Russians from the fortified positions at Liao-yang.—("Collier's  
Weekly.")

## WAR OFFICE, THE ADMIRALTY ADDS A NEW TOWER TO ITS BUILDING.



moved from this tower on the  
miralty, apparently jealous—

—decided to take the top from the short tower now on the Admiralty building, and  
replace it by a handsome structure 30ft. high.

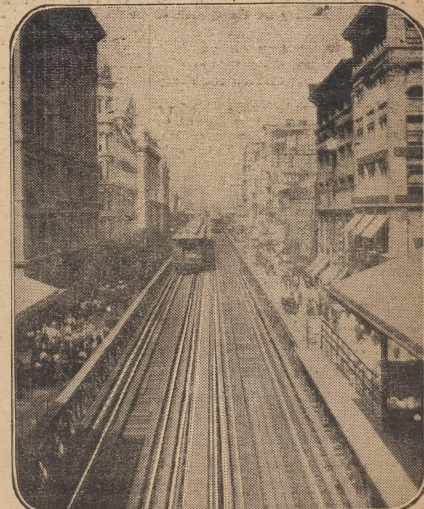
ER PARTICULARS OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS SEE PAGE 6.

# QUEEN TO VISIT QUEEN.



Queen Amelia of Portugal, who will shortly receive a  
visit from Queen Alexandra at Lisbon. Queen Alexandra  
is expected to leave England on the royal yacht on  
March 13.

## PARALYSED BY THE GREAT STRIKE.



The elevated railway of New York, which has been  
paralysed by the great strike of its employes. On the  
few trains that are running the people are travelling with-  
out tickets, as numerous accidents have occurred, and  
the company is afraid to issue tickets and thus take  
the responsibility.

## TO MARRY ENGLAND'S RICHEST MARQUIS.



Miss Augusta Bellingham, who in the summer will wed  
the Marquis of Bute. Both are Roman Catholics.  
(Thomson.)



## BYRONIC LOVE.

Mrs. Humphry Ward's Study of a Famous Unhappy Marriage.

THE MARRIAGE OF WILLIAM ASHE. By Mrs. Humphry Ward. (Smith, Elder, 6s. Published to-day.)

Once more Mrs. Ward has gone to history for her characters—to the social history which is found in volumes of letters and recollections.

She takes a famous politician of the early nineteenth century—William Lamb, afterwards Lord Melbourne; his wife, Lady Caroline Lamb; and Lord Byron, who made tempestuous love to Lady Caroline in the grand style.

Giving these characters the names of William Ashe, Lady Kitty, and Geoffrey Cliffe, and making the date of their adventures somewhere in the late 'seventies or early 'eighties, Mrs. Ward has an interesting plot ready to hand. But before we discuss her development of the plot, let us see for a moment what the real people were like.

Of the eccentricities of Lady Caroline endless stories are told in the memoirs of the time. She kept London's scandal-loving tongues busy for many a year.

From her childhood she had been unlike everyone else. Her father, the Earl of Bessborough, had brought her up very badly; indeed, had it not been for the kindness and care of her aunt, the Duchess of Devonshire, she would have had no bringing up at all.

When she grew up Lady Caroline developed talents in many directions. She spoke many languages, drew the most witty caricatures, talked brilliantly on almost any subject, dressed picturesquely, and cared nothing for the opinion of the world.

### WAS SHE OUT OF HER MIND?

Married to William Lamb, she was desperately extravagant, and worried her husband continually by her antics.

Once, when the butler was laying the table for a dinner-party, she complained that he showed no taste in the arrangement of it. The decorations, she said, were too level and too low. There ought to be something in the middle high above all the rest. Then, ordering the centre-piece to be taken away, she stepped lightly into its place on the table and stood there in a graceful attitude to illustrate her idea.

The butler rushed away to find her husband, who came at once, and said no more than "Caroline! Caroline!" in a tone of gentle expostulation, and led her away.

One day, going to pay a call at a house near Lord Melbourne's country-place, she insisted on sitting on the box of her carriage. When they reached their destination a footman came to help her down. She waved his hand aside. "I am going to jump and you must catch me," she cried, and jump she did, straight into the astonished fellow's arms.

Yet her freaks and outbursts of temper were generally followed by remorse. At dinner one night in London her husband, wearied out by her petulance, rose from the table and drove down to Brocket Hall, his house in Hertfordshire, where he counted on peace and quiet. Late at night, after he had gone to bed, he heard a noise outside his door. He opened it, and there on the ground lay Lady Caroline, in a paroxysm of grief. She had followed him as fast as she could to ask forgiveness for her faults.

When she first met Byron she wrote in her diary

that he was "mad, bad, and dangerous to know." But he had just published "Childe Harold," and was the lion of the day. His notoriety attracted Lady Caroline; hers made him seek her company the more. They were both people who longed always to be in the public eye and to be talked about, no matter what the cost.

Soon they were being talked about as much as they could desire. For a time they were constantly together, wrote verses to each other, "gazed into each other's hearts." Then the inevitable quarrel came, inevitable because they were both masses of vanity. Byron behaved, as usual, like the cad he was. Poor little Lady Caroline took to pining away.

She never saw Byron again, but an incident connected with his death a few years afterwards hastened her own end. She was driving one day near Brocket when she saw a funeral. She asked whose it was, and was told "Lord Byron's." Of course, to a nature like hers, this was a terrible shock. She never got over it.

In spite of all that had happened, she retained to the last a strong influence over her husband, and years after her death he used to speak of her with tears, and ask moodily: "Shall we meet in another world?"

Lord Melbourne himself lived to be Queen Victoria's first Prime Minister. He was so much in the vision of the Sovereign's confidence that rumour spoke of his aiming at a second marriage with her. But her affection for him was clearly that of a grateful girl to a kind and clever old man.

Mrs. Ward makes William Ashe almost too saintly and not quite attractive enough. Lord Melbourne always had a sense of humour, but there is no trace of humour in Ashe. Cliffe, too, is rather a solid figure for Byron. Lady Kitty is the best-drawn character.

The story makes her eventually leave Ashe for Cliffe, after a long struggle to prefer the statesman's goodness to the poet's fascination. Then, at the end, husband and wife are reconciled in a touching scene, which ends with her death.

[For a sketch of Mrs. Humphry Ward's personality see page 7.]

### FAMOUS LADY PIANIST.



Miss Fanny Davies, who has made a welcome reappearance on the concert platform at Queen's Hall after a long absence from public performances.—(Elliott and Fry.)

## A MAN IN A MILLION

By CORALIE STANTON and HEATH HOSKEN.

### CHAPTER LIII.

... A time to keep silence, and a time to speak. —Ecclesiastes III, 7.

Vanna shook her head, and a look of anguish crossed her face, like a grey shadow passing and leaving a track of livid, indescribable pain.

"It is impossible," she said drearily. "To go through all that again—no, I could not!"

"There is no other way," Lady Betty said, with steady persistence. "Of that I am convinced. Tony Heron has gained complete ascendancy over her. That man's influence over women is the strongest thing I have ever known."

"Do I not know it?" muttered Vanna. "Has he not laid waste my life? And now hers?"

"I was afraid of this all the time," Lady Betty went on hurriedly. "It was because of this that I was so dead against your seeing him in London."

"You were not blinded as I was," groaned the younger woman, "by that pitiable idea that it was for my sake that he wanted to be my friend."

"I was not, because I knew more than you did. I see now that I was wrong to keep silence, but I thought it was for the best—for your good."

"Silence about what?" asked Vanna shrilly.

"Do you remember how, when you first found me that Joan was staying at Perivale, when you arrived alone on your visit to me, I betrayed to you the fact that I did not like the thought of her being there?"

"Yes," answered Vanna blankly, "you said you did not think girls ought to visit in country houses by themselves."

"It was because I knew that Tony was staying there," said Lady Betty.

Vanna gave a low cry, savage, and full of despair. "Oh, it is infamous! Lady Betty, what can I do? She never told me; you never told me. They were there under the same roof!"

"Yes, but only for a few hours. I persuaded you to write and tell her to come to us. I wrote as well. She understood."

"But she never told me. You see, there is no confidence between us. She looks upon me as an enemy. She keeps things from me; she tells me nothing."

"You must not blame her," said Lady Betty gently. "Tony can make any woman do exactly what he chooses."

"Oh, don't I know that?" exclaimed Vanna, with indescribable bitterness. "It is all coming back to me—all the evil that I did, coming back to crush me—and through him! Was ever a woman more justly, more visibly punished, Lady Betty? I lied to my husband, and my child lies to me. I had secrets from him, and she has secrets from me. I went by crooked paths, and so does she."

"You must not blame her," said Lady Betty, with great earnestness. "She is so young and so innocent, and he has given her no chance. But the time has come when you must open her eyes, and show her the impossible gulf, that she probably looks upon as some strange and sentimental prejudice rooted in your mind. You must tell her the truth. It is cruel, but it is the only way."

"Has he no sense of decency?" cried Vanna violently. "Will nothing persuade him to leave her alone?"

"Apparently not. He is a man, remember; he looks at these things with different eyes, and he has always had his own way. And he is sincere."

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## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

Many Readers Discuss the Churches' Silence as to the War.

In your leading article on "Where Civilisation Breaks Down" you speak a great truth. Not the least guilty of such barbarity is "Christian" England, and is the time not surely come when our Imperial statesmen need the revival which is at present in our country? J. DAVIES.

Aberberg, Mon.

Almost without exception the ministers of the Gospel denounce this terrible war, but they cannot prevent it. "A Sorely-tried Christian" need not, however, let his faith be shaken, for wars have existed ever since man existed, and will continue to do so till the end of the chapter.

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It is not to the credit of the English pulpit that a secular morning newspaper like the *Daily Mirror* should be first to ask the question: "Is Civilisation a Failure?"

Not a word as far as I know, has so far been uttered by fashionable European Christianity against the Pagan ideals of modern manslaughter, illustrated in the present Russo-Japanese war.

Tunbridge Wells. JOHN T. MARKLEY.

R. M. O'D. asks "What good could the ministers of the Gospel do by denouncing the war?" and goes on to say "the world is not ruled by the maxims of Christianity." He is indeed opening his mouth and putting his foot in it.

The fact that the world is not ruled by the maxims of Christianity is due to ministers failing in their duty as ambassadors of God.

It is their bounden duty to oppose all war, as Christ charged them to do. If they boldly did this, they would be a potent factor in the interests of peace and confer a lasting benefit on the world.

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### TAX ON BEER.

Might I point out to "Not a Teetotaler" that over a quarter of the national revenue is derived from the much-abused "liquor traffic"?

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Doigelly.

### "DEAF, DUMB, AND BLIND POET."

With reference to the case of Thomas Edges, my attention has been called to the fact that the lines quoted in the *Daily Mirror* as written by him are really taken from a poem by Edward Lloyd, published about fifty years ago.

I have seen Edges again, and he assures me that the lines are his own composition. As he is a perfectly truthful man, and has a singularly retentive memory, I can only come to the conclusion that he has unconsciously reproduced what he has heard or read at some time.

I have known Edges for about ten years, and am still thoroughly convinced that the case is most deserving.

F. W. BOTHERBY, Chaplain.  
Mile End Workhouse, E.

there is no doubt about that. More than he has ever wanted anything he wants Joan for his wife."

"And you knew this all along! Oh, Lady Betty!"

"I see now that I was wrong not to warn you. But I thought it would be easy enough to keep them apart. I never imagined for a moment that you would dream of accepting him as a friend. Even then I hardly realised the mischief that was being done. And then—I must own it—you made me angry. It was foolish of me, unworthy of me. I admit; but for a little while I said to myself that you must go your own way."

"I am not astonished," said the younger woman humbly. "I have committed inconceivable follies; I have been incredibly, wickedly, fatuously blind!"

"My dear, we will forget all that. It did not last long. I soon realised that it was wrong of me to desert you. I had a sort of an idea when I arrived in Cairo that you needed me more than ever, and I came back. It seems I was right."

"You are so good, Lady Betty, so very good," murmured Vanna. "But it seems now as if there were no more help. There is nothing to do. I wish I had the courage to kill myself."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed the older woman brusquely. "You must not talk like a child. You have many, many years of peaceful, harmonious life before you; but, first of all, you must cut yourself off entirely from Anthony Heron. You must tear him and the memory of him out of your life by the roots. You have never done that yet; that is why you have had no peace."

"What shall I do, Lady Betty?" cried Vanna in sudden supplication. "Tell me! I will do anything. I want peace—peace above all things. I am full of anxiety, of hate, of torturing thoughts, that I shall go mad if it lasts. You say that he has gone back to England. I can take her

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TO H.M. THE KING.

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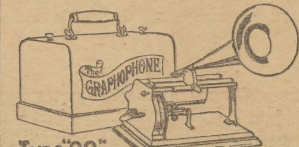
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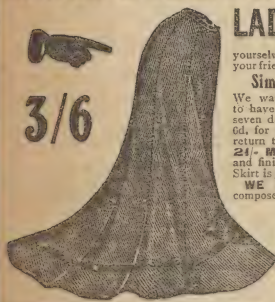
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# HOW TO TURN A COUNTRY GARDEN TO PROFITABLE ACCOUNT.

## THE MONEY MAKERS.

### AUNT TRYPHENA WRITES ABOUT GARDENING.

#### Part IV.

Before I had had time to convey to Aunt Tryphena and the girls at home what I had gleaned upon the subject of typewriting as an employment for women Aunt Tryphena wrote me the following most interesting letter concerning gardening, adding that she and the girls at home were forthwith going to set about the cultivation of sweet-peas, raspberries, and mushrooms.

During the course of her letter, I ought to add, she took me to task for having consulted an old authority upon the subject of Post Office employment, and told me to be sure next time to take only the latest as my guide. It should be noted that an abstract (corrected to November 23, 1904) of the rules and regulations respecting examinations may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from the following agents: Wyman and Sons, Limited, Fetter-lane, London, E.C.; Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh; and E. Ponsonby, 116, Grafton-street, Dublin. The price is 1s. The schemes of examination, limits of age, and fees specified in these tables are subject to alterations at any time.

#### The Market For Fruit.

Women with a knowledge of gardening, wrote Aunt Tryphena, and who live where they can have the use of an acre or two of land, or even of a good-sized garden like ours, have also the means at hand of making their pin-money without any very great trouble. Greengrocers and confectioners will tell you that it is found difficult in the trade to fill raspberry orders, and that the berries, which can be turned to so many culinary purposes, besides being served au naturel, always fetch a good price.

The cultivation of raspberries is a pleasant employment, and the first investment of plants is no serious matter. They may be procured through any large seed or plant seller at so much a thousand; but five hundred plants are sufficient to begin with, so rapidly do they multiply by shoots coming up from the roots.

#### Raspberries Profitable.

The plants must be set out as early in the spring as the ground can be worked, the roots planted about two feet apart in the row, and the rows should be three feet apart, to allow room for cultivation. After the first year the bed can be enlarged to any size, and the surplus plants, which may be sold, will benefit the exchequer. There is no doubt that the raspberry is a profitable plant.

The growing of mushrooms is another easy and fascinating task for women. It is also a lucrative one. A cellar, a shed, or any unused outbuilding will do in which to make the beds, and space may be utilised by adding shelves or bunks like the apartments in the hold of a ship.

#### Mushroom Beds.

Take equal parts of fresh soil and rotted leaf-manure; mix well and make the beds eight inches deep; smooth the earth with warm (not hot) water, and cover it to keep damp for a few days. Buy good mushroom spawn; allow one pound to every thirty square feet of bed. Break dry spawn into little bits, and plant these about two inches deep and two inches apart all over the -s; sprinkle again and cover the beds. Leave the cover on for a week, and the beds will be ready for growing. Keep the tops of the beds moist, and in about four

weeks' time you may expect a big crop of mushrooms.

Such a crop as this will grow winter and summer alike, but great care must be taken that the beds are protected in frosts. The cost of setting the beds is inconsiderable, and once set they will last for years. Nor are they difficult to move. The earth, shovelled into barrels, may be conveyed to any new home. To gather your mushrooms, cut them close to the earth with a sharp knife, taking care to leave all the root, which will grow again and again. Good mushrooms are always in demand, and fetch a satisfactory price.

Now about sweet-peas. A lady of my acquaintance started a bed last year in her Sussex garden, and did well with it at once. She bought eight pints of seeds—white, pink, mauve, purple, bluish, and heliotrope colour—and planted first one pint in the early spring, and then another each following week, so that she might have a succession of

flowering sweet-peas in due time. My friend then called upon London florists and secured orders, at a modest rate, it is true, but one which satisfied her, and had orders besides secured for her in two other towns. The flowers were sent up to town by express every morning.

In the summer months, rising with the lark, and breakfasting well, she spent several enjoyable hours before her neighbours had shaken off sleep, gathering her sweet-peas for the market. For their own good these flowers cannot be picked too much. By the end of the summer the intrepid lady, who was well over sixty, had gained a solid reward for her trouble.

#### Tasty Wild Strawberries.

One word more. I believe that the cultivation of wild strawberries in England would be decidedly advantageous. Wherever you may go abroad you find that English people so much appreciate the fruit served to them—whether as a preserve in ice-cream or an natural—that the wonder grows why the little strawberry was not raised here long ago. There is a distinguished man of letters, I might quote, who always spends his summer holidays in Dieppe, that he may not miss the plate of wild strawberries they bring him every morning with his breakfast at his hotel there. In France, Germany, Sweden, Norway, and Switzerland the wild strawberry appears at every turn. It comes early into season, and is an exquisite and most desirable fruit.

(To be continued.)



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## A MAN IN A MILLION.

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now, but afterwards I shall have no one in the wide world. Joan will never speak to me again. She will loathe me."

"If there is any bitterness in her heart," said Lady Betty, gripping Vanna's hand in her warm, comforting clasp. "I will take her away with me for a while, and teach her to realise what you have suffered. Do not be afraid! I will come back to you. But there must be no more half-measures."

"Oh, why did I take that money again!" cried Vanna, with terrible self-accusation. "I am the most despicable creature alive, Lady Betty! I will write this very day to the bankers—and tell them that, whatever happens, whatever money is there, it has nothing to do with me. But I need not be afraid!" she added, with an hysterical laugh. "After what passed between us—he has probably repented of his generosity already."

"My dear," said Lady Betty, with conviction, "if you are wise, you will come back into the world and marry a rich man. We cannot go against our natures. There are some of us who must have some things—somehow."

And Vanna, who alone knew what money meant to her, understood and agreed, though with an intense bitterness in her heart. It was arranged that Lady Betty should go over to Nice and drive straight to the villa of the English ladies in her automobile.

Vanna left her, with a terrible sinking at her

heart. It seemed to her that, more than ever in her life, she was like a barque stranded on a treacherous shore, and there was no one to come to her assistance except the one woman who had saved her before, and the means of salvation seemed even more cruel and more terrifying than her terrible and dangerous plight.

Neither was Lady Betty very easy in her mind. All that she had heard pointed to the fact that a most painful ordeal lay before her. And just as, when she had journeyed from London to Bodington, she had been glad that the exigencies of the steering-wheel took her thoughts off the errand she was bound on, so now she was thankful that she was obliged to use all her faculties to drive her powerful Napier over the world-famed Corniche road.

In Nice she inquired the way, and, turning into the valley indicated, made great pace, the car skimming up the steady incline like a bird on wings.

She soon reached the Villa des Etrangers, and, putting on the brakes, pulled up in front of the iron gates, and, divesting herself of her big fur coat, told the chauffeur to wait for her.

Walking up the gravelled drive between prim orange and lemon trees, she rang the bell of the white house and inquired for Miss Tempest.

An elderly Englishwoman appeared in answer to the servant's summons, and Lady Betty explained that she was a friend of Mrs. Tempest, and had been asked by that lady to pay a visit to her daughter.

After a moment's hesitation, she was told that

Miss Tempest was in her room, and that she should immediately be summoned to the drawing-room.

"No, let me go to her," said Lady Betty quickly.

"It is on the second floor," explained the lady of the house. "The first door."

Lady Betty walked upstairs, and knocked at the door of the room thus described. There was no answer. She knocked again, and a voice said, "Entrez."

"She turned the handle and entered the room, and saw Joan sitting by the window, with her hands folded in her lap.

The girl sprang to her feet, and Lady Betty went forward and seized both her hands.

"Lady Betty," said Joan. Her voice was low and mechanical. "I thought it was the bonne come to take the tray. I didn't want my lunch."

Lady Betty glanced at the tray on the table in the middle of the bright, sun-flooded room.

"My child," she exclaimed, "you haven't touched your food!"

"What for?" said Joan simply. "I don't want to eat."

Lady Betty looked at the girl, and her heart contracted with a sudden stinging pain. It seemed that there was no end to the misery and the wrong of it all. She would not have known Joan. The girl was perhaps no paler than usual, but there was a fixed expression on her face, a look of frightful intensity, as if every faculty within her were absorbed in one effort—and that effort was one of waiting.

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## LEINSTER SCRATCHED FOR THE "NATIONAL."

Moifaa, the King's Champion,  
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### LEICESTER STEEPLECHASES.

Leinster has been struck out of the Grand National Steeplechase. The news is a disagreeable surprise to most people. Leinster, although topweight in the handicap, was one of the best-backed horses, and a great favourite with the public.

This unexpected incident suggests many reflections. His owner, Sir Thomas Gallwey, one of the best of sportsmen, put Leinster in the private sale list at 3,000gns. some weeks ago. The offer was subsequently withdrawn, and the owner, Mr. Sanger-Carter, in the R.A.M.C. cabled from India that Leinster should forfeit all engagements prior to the Grand National.

Sir Charles Nugent, trainer of Leinster, has several other horses engaged in the great Aintree race. Of these, Buckthorn has been accredited, and little reliance could be placed on Napper Tandy, judging by his public form. There is a third candidate, Colonel H. T. Fenwick's Phil Mac, and this racer will no doubt be the stable champion.

It is reported that Leinster pulled up lame after a gallop yesterday morning, and the mischief appeared so serious that his scratching immediately followed. The news quickly had effect on the market, and it was accepted about Phil May's chance. One fact stands out clearly that Phil May may be relied upon to stay the Grand National course, and that the odds, involving the jumping of nearly forty difficult fences.

At the same time comes the news that the King's Grand National candidate, Moifaa, continues in good work at Newmarket. George Williamson rode Moifaa a good gallop over the Link's Steeplechase circuit at Newmarket yesterday, and the report that the horse was to be sent over jumps attracted a large gathering to see the schooling.

Moifaa was sent along in company with Lord Howard de Walden's Centre Board, Lord Cadogan's Lurgan, and Lord Wolverton's Flor de Cula. Lord Marcus Beresford, concerned as director in all that pertains to his Majesty's races—was present with Richard Marsh, the trainer. The gallop was a mile and a half, a short distance for such a class of horse. Everybody seemed pleased with the style of the spin.

Leicester steeplechases were concluded in mixed weather. The sport was of more profitable interest to bookmakers than to backers. The defeat of Theodoric of the Thurston Steeplechase was followed by a Clanton Lad—an unlucky horse—being sent to a disaster. Sabot, in the Oadby Hurdle added to a disaster. The young Neville and Love Game helped to restore the balance, which was again upset by the failure of Florino.

### SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

- 1.30.—Cotswold Hurdle—RIP VAN WICK.  
2.0.—Southern Hurdle—WOLF GANG.  
2.50.—National Hunt Steeplechase—PORTLIGHT II.  
3.0.—Cheltenham Steeplechase—TELEPHON.  
4.30.—Cotswold Steeplechase—GRAYMOUNT.

### SPECIAL SELECTION.

WOLF GANG, GREY FRIARS.

### WINNERS AND PRICES AT LEICESTER.

- 2.0.—THURMARTON STEEPLECHASE. Three miles. 5 ran. Sporting Sportsman.  
1.—THEODOCIOUS, a 10st 7lb Phillips Life, man.  
2.—DUNPHAIL, 6yrs, 10st 7lb 6c. 5 to 5 2 to 8  
10st 11lb. 10 to 10 10 to 1  
3.—DERRIVIN, a 10st 5lb. 5 to 1 5 to 1  
(Winner trained by McGibbon.)

- 2.30.—SILBEEY SELLING STEEPLECHASE. Two miles.  
1.—DONNA ROMA, 4yrs, 10st 5lb. 5 to 1 20 to 1  
2.—KENTDALE, a 12st 11lb. 5 to 1 20 to 1  
3.—CLANTON LAD, 5yrs, 10st 5lb. 5 to 2 5 to 2  
(Winner trained by Brown.)

- 3.0.—OADBY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE PLATE. Two miles. 13 ran.  
1.—SABOT, a 11st 7lb. 10 to 1 10 to 1  
2.—JAMES 1st, 4yrs, 10st 8lb. 5 to 1 5 to 1  
3.—WESTRALIA, 6yrs, 11st. 4 to 1 4 to 1  
(Winner trained by Martin.)

- 4.0.—SYSTON SELLING HURDLE HANDICAP. Two miles. 13 ran.  
1.—LOVE GAME, 4yrs, 10st 10lb. 7 to 4 7 to 4  
2.—ORQUEH, 4yrs, 10st 8lb. 7 to 4 7 to 4  
3.—CRAOXY, a 11st 9lb. 10 to 1 10 to 1  
(Love Game trained by W. Nightingall; Orqueh privately.)

- 4.30.—KEBWORTH STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP PLATE. Two miles. 13 ran.  
1.—FORGOTTEN, 5yrs, 10st 12lb. 10 to 1 10 to 1  
2.—FORGOTTEN, a 10st 12lb. 5 to 4 5 to 4  
3.—VALENCIAN, 5yrs, 10st 5lb. 5 to 1 5 to 1  
(Winner trained by Lyall.)

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

#### CHELTEMHAM.

- 1.30.—COTSWOLD MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 50 yds. 2 ran.  
1.—Crazy Jane ..... 4 to 1  
2.—Margaret ..... 5 to 1  
3.—Maggie ..... 5 to 1  
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## COMPANY NOTICE.

The London and District Motor Bus Company, Limited, is issuing a prospectus which is dated 8th March, 1905, and which states amongst other things that this Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The SUBSCRIPTION LIST will OPEN on THURSDAY, the 9th March, 1905, and WILL BE CLOSED on or before SATURDAY, the 11th March, 1905, for Town and Country.

THE LONDON AND DISTRICT MOTOR BUS COMPANY, Limited.

(Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1900.)

CAPITAL . . . . . £405,000.

Divided into 400,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, and 100,000 Deferred Shares of 1s each.

ISSUE OF 250,000 ORDINARY SHARES of £1 each.

follows:—

£	s.	d.	per Share on Application.
0	4	0	" Allotment.
0	0	0	" 1st May, 1905.
0	0	0	" 1st August, 1905.
0	0	0	" 1st October, 1905.

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The profits of the Company available for distribution as dividends in each year shall in the first place be applied in payment to the holders of the Ordinary Shares of a dividend for such year up to 10 per cent. on the amounts for the time being paid up or credited as paid thereon respectively, and after such payment the available balance of such profit shall be divided as to one-half thereof among the holders of the Ordinary Shares, and as to the other half thereof among the holders of the Deferred Shares according to the amounts paid up or credited as paid upon the Shares respectively.

Every Member of the Company personally present at a General Meeting of the Company, and not dissatisfied to vote, will have one vote upon a show of hands, and in case of a Poll every Member will have one vote for every Share held by him.

## DIRECTORS.

A. A. Campbell Swinton, M.Inst.C.E., M.I.E.E. (Director, Bath Electric Tramways, Limited), 66, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W.

John Francis Albright, M.I.E.E. (Director, Gravesend and Eastfleet Electric Tramways, Limited), 96, Elm Park-gardens, S.W.

Edmond Gaillard (Director, Sunderland District Electric Tramways Company, Limited), 17, Grantham-street, E.C.

Sir Anthony Compton-Thornhill, Bart., Shotover Lodge, Oxford.

CONSULTING ENGINEER—W. Worby Beaumont, M.Inst.C.E., M.Inst.Mech.E., M.I.E.E.

BANKERS—Lloyds Bank, Limited, 72, Lombard-street, London, E.C., and Branches.

SOLICITORS—Christopher and Roney, 33, Cornhill, E.C.

BROKERS—Joseph Lammings and Co., 6a, Austin Friars, E.C., and Stock Exchange.

AUDITORS—Trenow and Hetch, Chartered Accountants, 10, St. Helen's-place, E.C.

SECRETARY (pro-tem) and OFFICES—C. S. Goodwyn, Basilion House, Moorgate-street, E.C.

This Company has been formed primarily with the object of carrying on the business of a Motor Omnibus Company in the London District.

The popularity of the Omnibuses in London, for the carriage of passengers, has been thoroughly proved by the successful results obtained by the leading Horse Omnibus Companies. The decision of most of these Companies to accept electric traction points to the superiority of the Motor Omnibus over the Horse Omnibus.

This Company will start its business with the great advantage of having no part of its Capital to write off in respect of depreciated stock, and the loss entailed thereby, which the existing horse omnibus companies and proprietors must necessarily incur by adopting Motor Omnibuses in place of Horse Omnibuses.

Mr. W. Worby Beaumont, M.Inst.C.E., M.Inst.Mech.E., M.I.E.E. Hon. Consulting Engineer to the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland, has agreed to act as the Consulting Engineer to the Company, and has reported as follows:—

2nd March, 1905.

The Directors, The London and District Motor Bus Company, Limited.

Gentlemen,

I have carefully considered the use of Motor Omnibuses in London, and the following is my opinion:—

The Motor Omnibus can, in commercial practice, be run on an average of at least 20 miles per day, taking the known receipts of the Horse-drawn Omnibus, and the receipts and expenses now sufficiently ascertained of the Motor Omnibus. I am satisfied that, after allowing 20 per cent. per annum for depreciation and charging all running and maintenance expenses to revenue, Motor Omnibuses can make a net profit of at least 2d. per mile run under average conditions. It is a very attractive estimate, and I am convinced that with the known gradually reducing cost of running and upkeep expenses, the profit may be confidently expected to reach 3d. per mile the next year.

Faithfully yours,

W. WORBY BEAUMONT.

The proceeds of the whole of the issue of Ordinary Shares now offered for subscription should enable the Directors to acquire at least 200 Motor Omnibuses and provide the necessary garages and leave an ample margin for all further requirements.

The Directors have considered the probable earnings to be derived by the Company, on the basis of Mr. Beaumont's minimum estimate of profit of 2d. per mile run, and his opinion that each Omnibus can, in commercial practice, be run on an average of 20 miles per day; the profit would be equal to 16s. per Omnibus per day, with the following results:—

200 Motor Omnibuses running an average of 300 days in the year at an estimated profit of 15s. per day per Omnibus would produce per annum

Dividend of 10 per cent. on 250,000 Ordinary Shares . . . . . £25,000

Leaving an estimated balance for administration, etc., further Dividend on the Ordinary Shares . . . . . £20,000

An Agreement has been made between the Motor Omnibus Construction Company, Limited, and this Company, whereby the former agrees to supply the Company with Motor Omnibus Chassis on the terms and conditions mentioned in that Agreement. Under this Agreement the first delivery is to take place on 31st July next, provided the order is given not later than the 15th March, which will allow for the organization in the meantime of the Company's business and the establishment of garages, etc. The Company has the option under this Contract of requiring delivery at the earliest practicable date of Motor Omnibus Chassis of the well-known Park Road type.

The Dunlop Rubber Company, Limited, have entered into a provisional Contract with the Motor Omnibus Construction Company, Limited, to supply tires for the Omnibuses for use by this Company for a period of two years, which terms the Directors consider to be highly satisfactory.

The benefit of this Contract will be assigned to this Company.

It is intended that this Company should work in close alliance with the London Motor Omnibus Company, Limited, which should provide an undoubted advantage to both Companies. Letters have been exchanged between the promoters and the last-named Company in regard to this.

This notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for shares. The full prospectus contains particulars of all the above, etc., etc.

accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 1900. Applications will only be received on the terms of the full prospectus, copies of which can be obtained at the Office of the Company, or from the Bankers, Solicitors, and Brokers.

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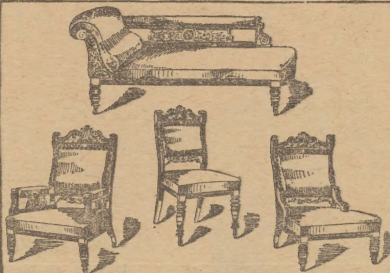
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